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With a view to cleansing the Kuomintang of undesirable members, above all, those who are suspected of pro-Communist sympathies, the "small groups" ( ) in the Party have been carrying on a self-purge movement ( ) for some weeks past.

On June 22, 1952, in a conversation with the reporting officer, Mr. [redacted] former Minister [redacted] and presently an Adviser on National Policy and a well-informed person on Kuomintang affairs, made the following statements about the movement:

"For one month, approximately during the month of June 1952, all members of the KMT had been undergoing the "tzu ch'ing yun tung" ( ), that is, self-purge movement, which is intended chiefly to ferret out and eradicate members of Communist or pro-Communist inclinations.

"This procedure of self-examination and, especially, examination of fellow members, from the standpoint of political orthodoxy, is carried out in the "small group", which has from 9 to 11 members. If a member of the small group is suspected of Communist or pro-Communist leanings by one of the other members of the group, the group is supposed to call a secret meeting of all its members except the one under suspicion and discuss fully whether or not the suspicions against him are well-founded. If they are justified, the group should transmit its conclusion and the supporting evidence to the Pao Mi Chu ( ), which will make further investigation and take necessary action against the suspected Party member. The investigation and punishment of such offenses among Party members is also handled by the Tzu Liao Szu ( ) (Resources Department of the Presidential Office).

"The above-described method is not very likely to expose Communist or pro-Communist members of the small group since such persons would previously have aroused the suspicions of their fellow Party members and would have been reported. Moreover, since members of the small group are generally on good

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terms with one another, there is no wish to denounce fellow members. Such denunciations as are made usually concern members of other small groups and particularly those in other cities. In general, the results from the self-cleansing movement are small since there are very few Communists or pro-Communists on Formosa or within the Party.

"The movement was begun last year -- at the instance of the Central Reform Committee of the KMT -- and has no special connection with the forthcoming Seventh National Congress of the Kuomintang." (End of Mr. [redacted]'s comments)

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